

Docket No.: 60188-406

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Akira ASAI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 6739
Serial No.: 10/031,445 : Group Art Unit: 2811
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Examiner: Samuel Gebremariam
For: BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR AND FABRICATION METHOD THEREOF

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

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Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated March 25, 2004. In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner acknowledges the claim for foreign priority but asserts that the certified copy of the priority document has not been received.

The certified priority document was filed in the International Bureau of the PCT as evidenced by the attached copy of Form PCT/IB/304.

It is respectfully requested the receipt of a copy of the priority document be acknowledged.

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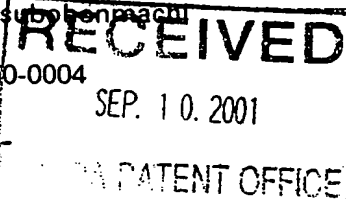
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